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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner Of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment prior to consideration of the application on the merits and calculation of the filing fee. A copy of the amended claims showing deletions are included in an Appendix to this paper.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 6-9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 26, 27, and 30 to read as follows:

6. The G-CSF formulation of Claim 1, which is substantially free from protein as a stabilizer.

7. The G-CSF formulation of Claim 1 in the form of a lyophilized formulation.

8. The G-CSF formulation of Claim 1, further containing mannitol.

9. The G-CSF formulation of Claim 1, further containing a surfactant.

12. The G-CSF formulation of Claim 1, which has a pH of 5-7.

15. The G-CSF formulation of Claim 1 wherein G-CSF is produced from CHO cells.